

**Commack PTA Council
Executive Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 8:08pm. President Eleanor Stentiford presiding.

The pledge was said.

November Minutes: were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>General Fund:</u> Share Draft Checking - \$4,251.37	Money Market - \$17,627.13
<u>Scholarship:</u> Share Draft Checking - \$4,491.00	Money Market - \$41,910.55

Please give membership donations and calendar money to Mary.

Correspondence:

- November Fast Facts
- SBMT minutes for MSIS
- Suffolk Region Principal and Presidents dinner is 1/28/10
- October enrollment report
- Thank You letter from Mr. Infante for the contribution to the Music Dept. Scholarship Fund

Superintendents Report:

Dr. Robb-Fund:

- Social Studies testing is over.
- Some testing will be scored in house and some sent out.
- The CEF donated \$6,000 for the Community of Readers kickoff 1/19/10. The book that will be read is "Three Cups of Tea". Primary schools will read "Listen to the Wind" a picture book based on Three Cups of Tea.
- The Parent Center will have a program "Mean Girls" on 1/25/10.
- 1,030 people were vaccinated for in the H1N1 clinic.
- Parents with children who have food allergies are responsible for bringing in their own food for celebrations.

Dr. Feltman:

- Dr. Feltman spoke about the budget and what is happening with state aid.

Presidents Report:

- Please sign in on the attendance sheet.
- Thank you, to Katie Kunz and the unit reps for working on the blood drive.
- 2/4/10 is Founder's Day at the Watermill.
- 1/19/10 at 10:00am, Brenda Lentsch is giving a workshop on "Tips and Tricks for Navigating the Districts Website", at Hubbs.
- A committee is being formed to update the Founder's Day guidelines. It will consist of Council's executive committee, Mrs. Schor as teacher rep, all unit presidents, and a parent's rep from each unit. Please e-mail rep names to Eleanor.
- Goals and Priorities have been updated, please review them, adjustments can be made.
- Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Committee Reports:

Website:

- A new format is being considered for Backpack News.
- “Tips and Tricks for Navigating the Districts Website” will be given on 1/19/10 at Hubbs. Please submit any questions to Brenda ahead of time.

Teacher Reps:

- **Secondary:** Winter concerts will be held in the MS and HS. Toy Drives will be held in the MS and HS. Applications for CMS Gold and White night are due 12/11/09. 12/8/09 is the end of the 2nd marking period at the High School.
- **Primary:** Holiday Boutiques are in full swing. The toy drive has also started in MSIS. Concerts are also coming up. On 12/14/09 RH and WP students will visit MSIS, and on 12/17/09, IH and NR students will visit BIS. A Happy and Healthy Holiday Season to all.

SEPTA:

- The 5th Annual Holiday Boutique is 12/5/09.

School Board:

- The BOE was presented with a plaque from the NYS Public High School Athletic Association recognizing the High School Varsity Sport Teams as Scholar Athlete Teams.
- The CEF presented a check for \$6,000 for the “Community of Readers Project”.
- The school report card was presented.
- A student voiced concerns regarding programs for teenage suicide prevention.
- Dr. Feltman announced his retirement after 41 years of dedicated service.

SBMT:

All schools should be meeting regularly. No changes have been made to district planning.

Scholarship:

- The Macy’s gift card profit was \$450.00. Modell’s coupon fundraiser dates are 11/27/09 – 12/4/09.

Photography:

- Anyone interested in spring fundraising, please let us know. MSIS is looking into a family portrait day fundraiser.

Nutrition:

- The ground beef that was recalled was not purchased by Whitsons. There was a discussion on the NYS deposit fee for water bottles. The BOE decided not to increase the price of water by 10¢. Everyone loves the new lunch bag icon on the website. The next meeting is 12/2/09.

Legislation:

- Gov. Paterson and legislative leaders announced the passage of a program that would look at state mandates with regard to property tax reliefs. Concerned citizens of Huntington will have a vote, yes or no for changing to a council district system. Their website is concernedcitizensofhuntington.com.

Hospitality:

- Thank you to Maria and Jackie.

Historian:

- Judy Murphy is collecting pictures of the Founder’s Day recipients.

Health and Safety:

- 93 pints of blood were donated at the Blood Drive.
- Ambylopa training is 2/2/10, 10am at BIS.
- The next blood drive will be 6/9/10 at MSIS.

Founder’s Day:

- Bio’s are due 12/17/09 and should be 200 words or less.
- Be sure to order your pins from NYSPTA.

Education:

- The US House of Representatives has passed the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. This will ensure college loans are more affordable, and that more students will graduate from post secondary institutions.

Disabilities Awareness:

- All schools are coordinating programs. Some of the programs being brought in are: The Coalition of Disabled Musicians, Special Olympics spokesperson, Touretts Syndrome speaker, CHS American Sign Language students, The Guide Dog Foundation, The Hands that See program, and disability equipment during gym.

Budget:

- We had our first meeting, please e-mail any questions or concerns to the budget committee or your unit reps.

Arts in Education:

- All programs are running smoothly in all schools.

New Business:

- Eleanor announced the Founder's Day Distinguished Service Award recipients, which are Laura Werner and Brenda Lentsch.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm.